THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) An option to answer three out of five Question papers of the examination in Hindi is already available. The question of giving the facility to answer the other two question papers in Hindi is being examined in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways.

Cases against executives of PSUs with CBI

3220. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered cases against Chief Executives of Central Public Sector Undertakings during the last 6 months;

(b) if so, the names of the Chief Executives/Undertakings against whom charges have been framed;

(c) the details of the charges framed;

(d) whether Government propose to contemplate further action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last 6 months, four cases have been registered by the CBI against Chief Executives as detailed below:

Ex-Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers, Bombay, Ex-CMD, Vijaya Bank, Bangalore. Chairman-cum-Managing Director (retd.), Hindustan Photo Films Ltd., Ooty.

Ex-M.D., National Consumer Cooperative Federation.

(c) to (e) The cases are at the initial stage of investigation. After the receipt of the investigation report, the concerned administrative Ministries will take necessary action.

Temporary vacancies in Government service

3221. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under Central Secretariat Service Rules, direct recruitment is required to be made only against substantive vacancies and all temporary vacancies are to be filled only by the temporary appointment of promotee officers;

(b) whether the confirmation to various grades of said service is regulated by the statutory rules;

(c) whether under recently issued administrative instructions, confirmation has been delinked with availabilities of substantive vacancies but these administrative instructions do not override the statutory provisions of Central Secretariat Service Rules;

(d) whether since 1989 onwards, direct recruitment is being made in Section Officers' grade even against temporary vacancies though there has been no amendment in the Rules to this effect; and

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take against persons responsible for making direct recruitment against temporary vacancies in contravention of statutory provisions of the Rules and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) Instructions were issued on 28.3.88 and 10.1.89 to delink confirmation from availability of permanent vacancies in each grade. Central Secretariat Service (CSS) Rules do not provide for a linkage between confirmation and availability of vacancies in a particular grade. However, probationers have to pass the prescribed test, and complete their probation to the statisfaction of the appointing authority. CSS Rules provide for direct recruitment to onefifth of the substantive vacancies in Section Officer's grade. Right from 1988, actual direct recruitment to Section Officer's grade made every year is even less than one fifth of the substantive vacancies.

Preparation of panels for promotion of Under Secretaries

3222. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether year-wise panels for promotions to the post of Under Secretary in Central Secretariat Services have not been prepared since 1987;